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SUBJECT Establishment of a Central Rolling Stock
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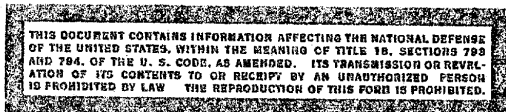
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1. Effective 1 December 1952, a "Zentrale Wagenverwaltung" (Central Rolling Stock Department) (ZWV) is to be set up as an independent railroad agency directly subordinate to the Director General, Railroads, Berlin. Its headquarters will be located in Berlin.
2. The ZWV will consist of the ~~former~~ Railroad Tank Car Distribution Point, the Main Rolling Stock Office, sections of the Rolling Stock Maintenance Department of the Directorate General, the Freight Car Clearing Office of the Schwerin regional railroad headquarters and the Investment Section of the Rolling Stock Department at the Berlin-Oberschoeneweide railroad repair shop.
3. The ZWV will include the following sections:
Maintenance Section;
Operations Section (charged with the control of the employment of railroad tank cars and special-purpose cars);
Administrative Section;
Main Book Keeping Section;
Labor and Personnel Section.
4. Assignments of the ZWV:
 - a. Administration of the entire park of railroad cars including foreign-owned equipment;
 - b. Rational employment of rolling stock;
 - c. Procurement and deactivation of railroad cars;
 - d. Current inspection of the physical status of operative railroad cars;
 - e. Control of inspections and repair work performed on railroad cars;
 - f. Settling of accounts with foreign railroad administrations for German cars operating abroad and foreign-owned cars operating in East Germany.
5. In order to be able to accomplish the missions mentioned, the following field offices will be assigned to the ZWV:

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- a. One Rolling Stock Inspectorate attached to each regional railroad headquarters. Wagenbetriebsstellen (Rolling Stock Maintenance Points), to which all rolling stock foremen will be attached, will be assigned to the Rolling Stock Inspectorates.
- b. One Rolling Stock Acceptance Department attached to each rolling stock railroad repair shop.
- c. Rolling Stock Recording Points at each East German border station. The mission of these offices will be to record all railroad cars entering or leaving East Germany.

Comment.

The decree establishes an amalgamation of all previous railroad agencies concerned with the recording, administration and employment of rolling stock. It is believed that the centralization was ordered because of the acute shortage of freight cars which became obvious during the seasonal increase in requirements, such as the transportation of coal and harvest products. For the organization chart of the Central Rolling Stock Department see Annex.

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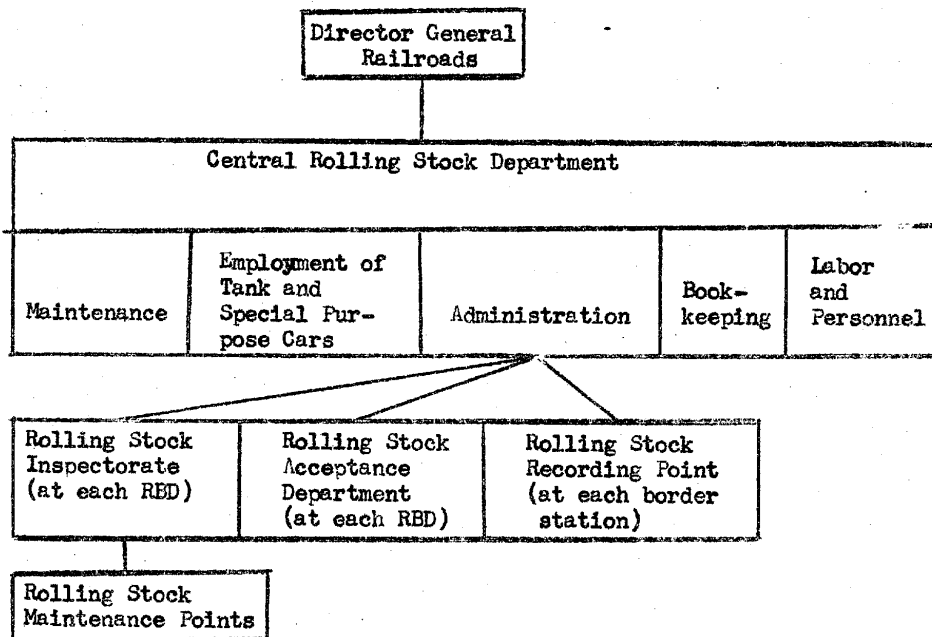
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Annex

Organizational Chart of the Central Rolling
Stock Department (ZVV)



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